

Please amend the present application as follows:

ABSTRACT

Please replace the original abstract of the disclosure with the following:

① --A segmental retaining wall system comprising a plurality of wall blocks. Each wall block comprises an interior face for forming an interior surface of a segmental retaining wall, an exterior face for forming an exterior surface of the segmental retaining wall, first and second sides that extend from said exterior face to said interior face, a top surface, and a bottom surface. In addition, a plurality of wall blocks include apparatus for retaining a reinforcement member to the segmental retaining wall. In one arrangement, this apparatus comprises a channel that is defined by a front wall, a rear wall, and a channel bottom surface. This channel is provided in one of the faces and surfaces, and includes an inwardly extending shoulder.--

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claims have been amended by deleting the bracketed ("[]") portions and adding the underlined ("___") portions.

11. (Twice amended) A retaining system for use in a segmental retaining wall system, said [wall block] retaining system comprising:

② a wall block including

an interior face for forming an interior surface of a segmental retaining wall;

an exterior face for forming an exterior surface of the segmental retaining wall;

first and second sides that extend from said exterior face to said interior face;

a top surface and a bottom surface; and